

**City Of Vidor  
Vidor City Council  
Regular Meeting  
July 14, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Misty Songe  
Councilmember Kelly Carder  
Councilmember Jessica Barker  
Councilmember Nicole McGowan  
Councilmember Jerry Aldridge  
Councilmember Jane Hill

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Gary Herrera

**Administrative Personnel:** Robbie Hood, City Manager; Sandra Howard, Attorney; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Katrina Jones, Finance Director; and, Rod Carroll, Police Chief

**A. OPENING, PRESENTATIONS, AND CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**A -1. Call to order and the establishment of a Quorum**

A quorum was present, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council began at 7:01 p.m., Mayor Songe presiding.

**A -2. Invocation and Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag**

Rod Carroll, Police Chief gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

**A -3. Citizen Comments**

No Citizen comments.

**B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

**B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:**

**Paid Invoices:**           **General Fund - \$302,558.99**  
                                  **MCBSF - \$52.86**  
                                  **Emergency Management - \$1,335.12**  
                                  **Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$2,020.00**  
                                  **Disaster Fund - \$52,628.80**  
                                  **Juvenile Case Manager FD - \$616.22**  
                                  **Judicial Efficiency Fee - \$481.11**  
                                  **Proprietary Fund - \$32,785.44**  
                                  **Employee Benefits Trust - \$65,240.95**

**B -2. Approval of Minutes:**           **Regular Meeting – June 23, 2022**  
  **Special Called Meeting- June 28, 2022**

**B -3. Ratification of the transfer of funds from Interest & Sinking 2013 General Obligation Refunding Bonds-Capital One Bank account to Interest & Sinking 2008/2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds-TexPool account in the following amounts:**

June 24, 2022:	\$ 1,395.12
June 27, 2022:	\$ 1,554.68
July 06, 2022:	\$ 361.38

**B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,378.23 for May 2022 Out of General Account/Pooled Cash**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Carder, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried

**C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

**C -1. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolutions appointing members to the Planning and Zoning Commission due to term expirations (2) and relocations out of city limits (2)**

Mayor Songe explained the term expirations for Jerad Spencer and Jeanine Hearn and their interest in renewing their terms.

Jerry Aldridge 360 E. Railroad came to the podium and expressed his interest in filling the open position due to a member relocating out of the city limits.

Anthony Foster 110 Butler came to the podium and expressed his interest in filling the open position due to a member relocating out of the city limits.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the RESOLUTION appointing Jerad Spencer, Jeanine Hearn, Jerry Aldridge, and Anthony Foster to the Planning and Zoning Commission**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve a change to the City of Vidor Public Park hours.**

Robbie Hood, City Manager discussed the issues at the public parks in Vidor and noted Pirate Pride Park, Conn Park and Joe Hopkins in Rose City and requesting the hours change to state from Dawn to Dusk.

Mayor Songe Stated the hours are currently 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the change to the park hours**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C-3. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Orange County Emergency Services District #1 regarding the City's 2022 FAST grant application**

Robbie Hood, City Manager gave an overview of this grant, its purpose, the application, and process to submit this on behalf of the ESD.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **approve the RESOLUTION**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C-4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of a FAST grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture, appointing the City Manager and Mayor as the City's authorized representatives in all matters pertaining to the application, and committing local funds.**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker, to **approve the RESOLUTION**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C-5. Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of the Emergency Ambulance Service Provider for the City of Vidor.**

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained the selection of the committee composed of Robbie Hood, Betty Strong, Rod Carroll, Nicole McGowan and Gary Herrera is Acadian.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Carder, to **approve the Selection of Acadian as the Emergency Ambulance Service Provider for the City of Vidor**. ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Carder, aye; Councilmember McGowan, aye; Councilmember Thompson, aye; Councilmember Barker, aye; and Councilmember Hill, aye. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C-6. Consideration and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6 – ANIMALS – REGULATIONS OF, ARTICLE IV. – DOGS AND CATS, DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY, SECTION 6.103 – DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (second reading)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Barker, to **approve the Ordinance**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C-7. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the First Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Police Department.**

Rod Carroll, Police Chief explained the issues with finding qualified candidates and the amendment to the collective bargaining agreement will offer competitive options. Detective Jeff Courts came forward and stated the Union agrees with the amendment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the RESOLUTION**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C-8. Consideration and possible action to approve an ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINETY (90) DAYS BEYOND THE AUGUST 5, 2022, EFFECTIVE DATE PROPOSED BY ENTERGY TEXAS, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH ITS RATE INCREASE**

APPLICATION ENTITLED "APPLICATION OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES", FILED ON JULY 1, 2022; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. SERVICE AREA CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE HIRING OF EXPERTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW AT THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained the Ordinance and recommended the vote for the suspension.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the ORDINANCE**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C-9. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Barker, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

*These minutes approved July 28, 2022.*

  
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Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Betty Strong, City Secretary